

DECISION DOCUMENT

SUPPLEMENTAL ROUND 3 AND ROUND 4 APPROVALS

The signature of the Secretary of the Interior below approves the Final Recommendation for Round 4 and Supplemental Round 3 submitted by the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Executive Committee for all expenditure categories available under the SNPLMA as amended by Public Law 107-282. This decision covers the expenditures outlined below.

1. The expenditures of \$103,698,732 for parks, trails, and natural areas in cooperation with local governments; \$118,512,651 for capital improvements; \$36,222,170 for conservation initiatives; \$15,851,237 for projects furthering the development of the Clark County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan; and \$101,681,908 for acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands, totaling \$375,966,698 from the SNPLMA Special Account for Round 4.

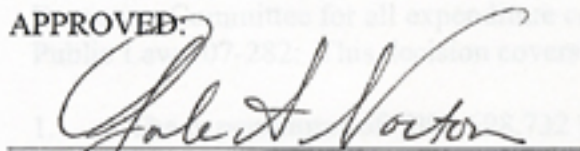
- a. The budget figures include the sum of the estimated costs for projects and acquisitions; an additional 10 percent in all project categories which may be expended at a 10 percent maximum per project to cover the difference between estimated and actual costs without further approval; and funds to cover the difference between the budget authorization and funds needed to complete capital improvements and park, trail, and natural area projects approved in prior rounds.
- b. Ten percent expenditure over estimated costs for land acquisitions is authorized. These funds are not included in the budget because the funds needed to cover the contingency costs are generally available as a result of acquisitions completed below the approved amount or because of acquisitions that cannot be completed.
- c. The amounts approved are in addition to the amounts approved for each category in previous rounds. Any amount not required to complete the acquisitions and projects approved in prior rounds will be available in the same expenditure category for Round 4.

2. In addition to the Round 4 expenditure approval, this decision approves four Clark County land acquisitions recommended by the Executive Committee to the Secretary pursuant to a supplemental Round 3 nomination process. This supplemental process was directed in the Secretary's Conditional Approval Decision for Round 3 last year. The four Clark County properties total an estimated cost including associated acquisition expenses of \$8,902,000 and will require the entire balance (\$8.9 million) held over by the Secretary's Round 3 Conditional Approval Decision.

3. The Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, Land Sales & Acquisitions Division will issue task orders for approved projects and acquisitions. Because of the nature of the MSHCP and conservation initiative projects, as funds become available, the total amount budgeted for these two categories shall be set aside before funding is made available for task orders for the remainder of Round 4 projects and acquisitions approved. Otherwise, task orders shall be issued in the order presented in the attached tables, based upon availability of funds, and in accordance with the SNPLMA Implementation Agreement.

4. The establishment of a reserve within the Special Account in the amount of \$10,000,000 is approved for expenditure at the discretion of the SNPLMA Executive Committee, where special circumstances warrant, toward allowable expenditures authorized by the SNPLMA and in accordance with the Implementation Agreement. This Special Account Reserve shall be available for Round 4 only.

APPROVED:



Gale A. Norton
Secretary of the Interior

Oct. 28, 2003
Date